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1. Transmittal Letter (1 Page) in duplicate
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicants' attorney regrets the inadvertent error in submitting the incorrect response to the Office Action of February 18, 2005 and submits the following Supplemental Amendment in response to the Office Communication dated August 23, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.